

THE WRITING OF THIS ISSUE of HELLO AGAIN is one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had. On July 4-6 I spent a 3 day period at Dunfey's Hotel in Hyannis that I am quite sure will never be duplicated and I know I will never forget. For 3 days I talked with, dined with, played piano with, drank with, and took pictures of more radio personalites than I thought I would meet in a lifetime. They are the friendliest and warmest people you would ever meet. Many brought their spouses. One of my greatest thrills was to accompany Dennis Day informally in the dining room. All this was done to raise money for muscular dystrophy...For 54 continuous hours from 6:00 Friday night to midnight Sunday there were rebroadcasts and recreations of your favorite programs all heard on WBZ in Boston. It was the recreations that were the highlights.

Certain shows were performed live using scripts of shows donated by Mel Simons. Watching the stars in front of the microphones, the organists, sound men, directors, announcers, engineers was an unforgettable experience...Who was there? Close to 50 personalities attended. Hoping not to accidentally leave anyone out, here they are in alphabetical order:

ANNOUNCERS: George Ansbro...Ben Grauer...Ed Jordan...Don Wilson

DIRECTORS: Ira Ashley...Ted Bell...Jock MacGregor...Paul Munroe

...Warren Somerville.

ORGANISTS: Ashley Miller...Rosa Rio.

SOUND EFFECTS: Ed Blainey...Walter Gustafson

ENGINEERS: Marty Foglia...Neil Pultz

PERFORMERS: Mason Adams...Jackson Beck...Court Benson...Mel Blanc...Ralph Camargo...Lon Clark...Toni Darnay...Dennis Day... Kenny Delmar...Peter Donald...Parker Fennelly...Mary Jane Higby... Leon Janney...Evie Juster...Grace Matthews...Marvin Miller...James Monks...Bret Morrison...Ellen Muir...Frank Nelson...George Petrie... Minerva Pious...Gene Rayburn...Hurette Skelly...Jean Shephard... Vivian Smolens...Guy Sorel...Julie Stevens...Vicki Vola...Veola Vonn...Peggy Wagner...Betty Wragge.

Also there, from WBZ, were Dave Maynard, Jerry Williams, Ken Myer who contacted all the guests...At a cocktail party alone there were about 35 guests mingling. All talked freely about their past radio experiences inserting many anæcdotes. Their greatest thrill, I'm sure, was both recreating their old shows and meeting other personalites they hadn't seen for years. It was very common for the guests to get autographs of each other. Many new friends were made and many old friendships were rekindled...Although they were constantly asked for interviews, pictures and autographs, the guests were very gracious. They never hesitated in talking to the many people who came to see them.

Following this article are the shows that were recreated live and the stars in them. I am sure the tape of the 54 hour happening will be available. I will let you know the details when I get them. All the personalites will be receiving "Hello Again." There is no cost to them and if any write to me with any news I will be sure to pass it on.

The BIG BROADCAST is now over but it will remain vividly alive for a long time.



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Some stars appeared in the recreated shows many times; some just once. For different shows organists were A Miller and R Rio; Sound men were E Blainey and W Gustafson; Engineers were M Foxglia and N Pultz; directors were I Ashley, T Bell, P Munroe, W Somerville; announcers were G Ansbro, B Grauer and E Jordan.

Fri: 800-830 NICK CARTER with L Clark, J Monks, E Muir, V Vola, C Benson, B Wragge, J Beck, B Morrison, H Skelly

900-1000 Lee Castle directed the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra with Bob Eberly

1000-1100 FIRDAY NIGHT FIGHTS with Guy Lebow

1100-1200 JEAN SHEPHARD

Sat: 1000-600 JEAN SHEPHARD

600-1000 Dave Maynard

1100-1115 WHEN A GIRL MARRIES with M J Higby, G Sorel, T Darnay, R Camargo, E Juster, M Pious

1215-1230 ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT with J Stevens, V Vola, J Monks, E Muir, H Skelly

130-145 OUR GAL SUNDAY with V Smolens, C Benson, R Camargo, G Sorel

330-400 GRAND CENTRAL STATION "Miracle before Christmas" with B Morrison, M Adams, L Janney, J Monks, E Juster

530-600 CISCO KID with J Beck, M Blanc, G Petrie, G Sorel, R Camargo, C Benson

800-830 FRED ALLEN with P Donald, M Pious, K Delmar, P Fennelly and Adam Keefe imitating Fred Allen. Show was "King for a Day"

900-1000 Jimmy Dorsey Orch

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330-400 CASEY CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER with Lon Clark filling in for Staats Cotsworth who couldn't come because of illness, R Nelson, V Vola, B Wragge, M Miller, L Janney

530-600 THE SHADOW with B Morrison, G Matthews, J Monks, G Petrie, E Juster, M J Higby, G Sorel

800-830 JACK BENNY with D Wilson, D Day, M Blanc, F Nelson and Bob Blasser imitating Jack Benny. Show was xmas show when Jack buys dates for Don

900-930 Jimmy Dorsey Orch

IN FOND MEMORY: Rod Serling, 50, 6/28/75...Serling was one of the best known and most honored writers in television.

PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS: RECEIVED: Magic Sounds #11, quarterly; \$2.00 a year; written by Craige Snader Jr, Apartado 12-655, Mexico 12, D.F., Mexico...RECEIVED Radio in Depth; Mar 1975; written monthly; \$12.50 a year. Highlights are several articles about Arch Oboler and Jack Benny log of 1942 and 43...Andy Dill and Evan MacBride recently had a little picnic for area old-time radio buffs in Sacramento. About 15 people attended. Al Walker, who went, suggests that more personal contact between traders should exist. I agree and if anyone wants to host a little gettogether I will be glad to furnish names of collectors in his area. Small, local gatherings can be very beneficial...Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550

can get copies of the book, "The Big Broadcast" for \$15.00 including tax, postage. Write him if interested...Edward Carr, 629 E Race St, Stowe, Pa 19464 has a 1975 traders list out for a large SASE plus \$1.00. I have not seen it but will let you know when I do...Larry Rao tells us of the book "W C Fields by Himself" published by Warner Paperback Library, Box 690, New York City, NY 10019 (\$1.95). Scripts of various of his shows are in the book. Larry would like to know if any copies exist of "The Gateway to Hollywood Program" with W C Fields...James Belpedio, Becker Jr College, Worcester, Ma 01609 wants to know if a magazine called "Those Were the Days" exist...Harral Peacock, 324 W 99th Ave, Horthglenn, Col 80221 has helped organize an old time radio club in the Denver area with about 30 people and would like to swap ideas with other clubs. Perhaps Dick Sullivan ~~from~~ Mass. and Bob Davis from ~~NY~~ Buffalo will write...Multi-Con held in Oklahoma City and run by Don Maris was a big success. Over 2600 people attended and guests were Bret Morrison, George Takei (Mr. Sulu of Star Trek), Spanky McFarland, Jim Bannon, and others.

CATALOGS: Josh Bray, Box 98, Green Lane, Pa 18054; reels N-100-N-114; all news and sports. Josh has about the largest collection of news, sports and documentaries. Next month I will print names of all collectors who are ESPECIALLY interested in news and sports. Send me your name if interested...Richard Arnold, Box 51, Tipton, Mo 65081; Reels 671-754; much variety and many first generation shows...Dave Siegel, 351 Amherst Ave, Ticonderoga, NY 12883; many updates to his large and extensive collection. Is very interested in ESCAPE and is looking for the 25 programs or so that still haven't appeared (I am also)...Larry Spalding, 8007 Cardinal Dr, Tampa, Fla 33617; Reels 313-427.

LOGS AND LISTINGS: Ray Stanich sent me a list of 21 LONE RANGER with the circulating title and the correct title. The shows were on Oct. 1943 and Mar, Apr, and May 1950. If you want a copy send me 10¢ and a SASE...In my April issue I included a comprehensive list of all logs that were available at that time. For those of you who subscribed since April I will send you a list for a SASE. Because of rising costs Ray Stanich will have to charge 15¢ a page plus postage for all his logs except short ones of 1-3 pages. For 3 months you can still get them for a SASE...Ray mentions that Arch Oboler wrote one pulp entitled Night of Ka-Sim under the name of Archie Oboler. Let Ray know if you know of any more. Write to 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201...Ray also has a new log this month. TELEPHONE HOUR 4/27/42-4/1/57. It is \$2.00 folded and \$2.50 with plastic binder and mailed flat...John Furman sent me the log for CBS IS THERE which continued into YOU ARE THERE. If you send me 25¢ I will send you both.

PERSONALITIES: Hal Peary sent a distressing note. Walter Tetley is very ill in the hospital. I'm sure he would enjoy receiving letters from his friends and fans. You all remember Walter as Leroy in THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE. Write him at West Valley Hospital, 5333 Balboa Ave, Encino, Cal 91316...Jed Dolnick has a 20 minute interview with Bret Morrison taken at the con at Oklahoma City. If you want it send Jed blank tape and postage...

THE TAPE DECK: Len Lawson says Capitol again raised their prices: \$2.50 per 1800' reel and \$2.30 per 1200' reel in lots of 12... Also Len now has about 250 reels in his lending library. The price is still \$1.50 per reel for the first 30 reels...Ellen Robinson inquired about a low-priced variable speed Sony. Ron Hare says there is one: Sony makes Model 800B (5" reel, $\frac{1}{2}$ -track, battery or AC power, variable speed control (\$300.00). Ron is willing to correct speeds of tapes sent to him for a current trading catalog from anyone (up to 4 shows)

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Ron has professional variable-speed equipment. Write him at 948 Aster Ct, Sunnyvale, Cal 94086...Thomas Heathwood, 340 Parker St, Newton Centre, Ma 02159 has for sale a limited number of RCA Broadcast microphones, formerly used at WHDH radio in Boston; excellent condition; model # 77-DX; will sell for \$150.00 or best offer.

NEW ADDRESSES: Don Maris, 1013 Del Paso #244, Euless, Tex 76039. Allan Walker, 5904 South Land Park Dr, Sacramento, Cal 95822... Burt Brown, 566 Wayland Ave, Providence, RI 02906...Burt is still looking for MR. PRESIDENT and Cities Service BAND OF AMERICA...Harold Brown, Box 489, Avon Park, Fla 33825.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Arthur Barlas, 40 Frenald Dr, #12, Cambridge, Ma 02138...Joe Webb, 5 Valley View Dr, Yonkers, NY 10710.. James Belpedio, Becker Jr College, 61 Sever St, Worcester, Ma 01609 ...John Baumann, 555 Corbett A, San Fran, Cal 94114.

Old Friends: John Dunning, Box 18514, Denver, Col 80218 would like to know information about FRANK MERRIWELL radio show; when was it on, network, etc. He has one serialized version sponsored by Dr. West toothpaste dated Aug 7, 1933 which is wrong. Harlow Wilcox was the announcer; also information on Mel Brandt who announced the 1946-49 version...Carl Erickson, 39 School Rd, Staten Island, NY 10306 is trying to compile a complete collection of Glenn Miller. He still needs some shows and songs. Write to him for a list. Send SASE. If anyone is interested in the Miller material he already has send 8 blank reels (1800') and 3 extra reels and postage. The Glenn Miller will be ready in January...Jerry Appleman, 10700 Huron #1504, North glenn, Col 80234 has switched from cassette to open-reel collecting.. Walt Hart, 9015 N 10th St, Phoenix, Ariz 85020 returned home from vacation to find his house burglarized and all tape recorders, stereos, and 35 reels of tape stolen. Worst loss was JACK ARMSTRONG run of 4 tapes, SPEED GIBSON series, first reel of AIR ADVENTURES OF JIMMIE ALLEN, ILAM "Battle of the Century" and many others. Walt will have to purchase these until he can get new recorders. Maybe someone will run off some of these shows for blank tape. Let's give Walt a hand.

NEW PROGRAMS: Don Hunt, 2448 F Johnson Rd NE, Atlanta, Ga 30345 has a 2 hour BBC salute to Glenn Miller broadcast Dec. 1974; also a 2 hour VIC AND SADE documentary...In my collection: many new bands... CALL THE POLICE with G Petrie... 8 new ESCAPE (I need 25 more for complete collection)...Galan Drake...Benny 5/2/48; 11/23 and 30/47... 12 new SUSPENSE...Ted Mabone.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Tom Heathwood (mentioned earlier) has all items of interest from the BIG BROADCAST at Hyannis on tape. Write for details...Mel Simons, who has appeared on 37 TV shows talking about old radio, starting July 17th will be a regular on the Bob Hilton Show, WNAC-TV, Ch 7 in Boston at 10:30 AM...Richard Arnold has a one hour show over KOPB-FM in Columbia, Mo. He airs 2 old shows and gives information about them...Mutual began a new 5-minute show called "On this Day" which started on July 4th and will run until July 4, 1976. Frank Brooks is the narrator of this bicentennial show...James Belpedio has a weekly show over WICN-FM (90-5) in Worcester, Ma at 9:00 on Thursdays...Mobil recently sponsored a 5-part bicentennial show with William Redfield and Robert Maxwell. Larry Rao, 416 E 8th S Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218 taped the 2½ hours. They are similar to YOU ARE THERE.

That's it for now...Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs
Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$5.50